

EAGLE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
August 6, 2005

Approved Minutes

Tom Day, chairperson, called the Annual Meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District to order at 9:05 am. Other Board members/employees in attendance were, Tom Weier, Nate Cobb, Jim Pasterski, Jeff Prokop, and Eagle Spring Lake Management District Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause. County Waukesha Representative Karen McNelly arrived at 9:30am due to a DNR presentation. Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, was excused. Thirty-four residents and one guest were in attendance.

T. Day opened the meeting with various handouts and overhead presentations on Waukesha County Shoreland, Floodland Protection Ordinance – 3.04(9) and volunteers needed for various projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Minutes for the August 7, 2004 Annual Meeting were published in the District's July newsletter. Therefore, the minutes were not read. John Mann made a **Motion** to accept the Annual Meeting minutes as written. Second by Robert Buss, motion carried.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Legislative Update- T. Day briefly reviewed July Newsletter Legislative Updates containing some issues that are being dealt with by the Legislature or the DNR. The Wisconsin Minimum Shoreland Zoning Standard hearings have been extended until August 26, 2005. There is Shoreline Protection Grant money available (75% funding up to \$100,000) for anyone wanting to do a Shoreline Restoration. Also a brief summary of the new Proposed Aquatic Plant Harvesting Regulations that we must follow and how this will require more time of the people harvesting and to prepare harvesting reports, permits, etc. Discussion followed of where and types of weeds that can be harvested and what other limitations the District has to follow.

Dam Operations- N. Cobb gave a report of progress that has been made towards meeting the necessary Emergency 500 Year Flood Plan. Since last year we have been rated as "significant", down from "high hazard". We now have nine years left to complete this plan. The District was approached by the Nature Conservancy and others to consider adding a fish ladder to the emergency spillway. N. Cobb is in the process of acquiring bids for either modifying the Wambold Dam or adding an emergency spillway at the Kroll Site.

Aquatic Plant Management - T. Day presented an overhead on areas chemically treated since 1999. Last year's fall treatment in Mary's Bay and this spring's chemical treatment was very successful in knocking out the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). No weed cutting on the lake thus far this summer except in Jacks Bay, which is being cut every 10 -14 days to keep up with the growth of EWM. This spring samples of EWM were taken and sent in to determine if the EWM in those areas is a hybrid. Morphologically the plants do not look like a hybrid, at this time the DNA results on those samples have not come back. Hopefully the results of these samples will help the District get better control of the EWM. The District is planning to chemically treat Jacks Bay in September after getting the results of the samples taken. Discussion continued as to why we are still chemically treating Jacks Bay and other areas of the lake. J. Pasterski commented, along with other riparian owners, that it is up to

the property owners to keep the weeds raked, it is the property owners who don't rake that are adding to the problem.

District Property – T. Day stated that by next year's Annual Meeting the Board should be ready to make a recommendation as to whether the District boat launch should remain open or closed for use year round. Residents made comments of how many people may be launching and parking at the Pub, using the area for a turn around, contractor use, and now that the Public Launch is opened do we really need the District Launch to be opened other than for the harvester. T. Day commented that he could start asking contractors to possibly start using the Public Launch and he would like to start a committee of residents to be involved in solving these issues. Landscaping is pending further decisions made in regards to the emergency spillway.

Watershed Study- T. Day plans to have all the studies completed by this fall/winter. Results thus far have shown that we have a 1-2 foot marl layer that is mostly calcium carbonate and is easily re-suspended by boating activity and wind. The compaction studies showed that we would not get a lot of compaction after re-suspension. All the studies are suggesting that we need to get rid of the marl. ~~but~~ we are going to be able to do that is yet to be determined. Chris Hinz is involved in the spawning study and soon we will be getting the results. Riparian owners stated that they are not noticing any spawning activity in Jacks Bay and along the West Shoreline. A consultant is calculating the amount of calcium we have in our water, how it binds with the phosphorus and how it accumulates in our lake over time. Calcium calculations should be completed in September and aging of the marl layer should be completed this winter. A plan for approval by riparian owners is expected to be completed by next year. Further discussion continued in regards to how our water clarity compares to other lakes and what alternatives we are going to have to get rid of this marl layer.

Audit- Day read the letter from William K. Koeper:

"I have reviewed the financial statements, bank statements, and cleared checks and deposits for the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 and find these records free from material misstatement. Acceptable accounting procedures have been followed"

There were no questions.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS – Nate Cobb and Jeff Prokop terms for Commissioner have expired.

T. Day stated that Nate Cobb and Matthew Thew are both interested candidates for serving on the Board. T. Day asked John Mann and John Rageth from the Election Committee for further possible candidates, they stated that they could not locate anyone to run. T. Day asked for nominations from the floor "three calls". There being no nominations from the floor J. Pasterski made a **Motion** to close nominations and second by Janet Prokop, motion carried. Jim Wilhelm made a **Motion** to have a verbal vote and approve unanimous vote of Nate Cobb and Matthew Thew, second by John Mann. Vote as follows: All were in favor of electing Nate Cobb and Matthew Thew – none opposed. Nate Cobb has been re-instated for another three year term and Matthew Thew has been elected for his first three year term.

APPROVAL OF 2005 PROPOSED BUDGET- Day presented (on overhead) the Budget for the year 2006.

Receipts: These were estimated conservatively. There were no questions on the receipts.

Expenditures: This year we should be under budget for expenses. The River Sampling may show slightly higher than actual and this is due to previous billing errors received. This project is 75% funded by a grant and Phantom Lakes Management District is helping share the local costs. A question arose to what the \$5,000 & \$3,000 in consulting was allotted for and T. Day stated that was to help with costs of the Emergency Spillway Study. There were no further questions.

Funds: The levy allows us to put \$5,000 in our Lake Improvement Fund and \$15,000 into our Equipment Fund. Question arose if our Equipment Fund would be sufficient for purchasing of a new harvester. T. Day responded that with the help of grant money, we should not have to borrow when the time comes to purchase a new harvester. There were no further questions.

Thomas Casey made a Motion to approve the Proposed 2006 Budget. Second by John Rageth, motion carried. Janet Prokop made a Motion to approve the Levy of \$60,000. Second by Timothy Donovan, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – There were no other questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Periodic Drawdowns – T. Day reported that the Watershed Study is being looking at by numerous different people, the DNR, Nature Conservancy, Professors from UW Milwaukee, and local residents. There have been several technical committee meetings and the public is welcome. The committee has talked about drawdowns and is now discussing the possibility of a Temporary Environmental Water Level Reduction and how this may environmentally improve our lake. A permit would have to be applied for and the Nature Conservancy will be doing more research for this has both positive and negative results. Discussions continued; the water level recovery rate will have to be further looked into, what season would be the best, and how this could possibly help with the bulrush beds which in turn will help with the spawning of Northerns and wildlife. The earliest this could be done is in 2006, no commitment has been made at this time.

Other – T. Day stated that the District is waiting for the DNR to finish various tasks at the Public Boat Launch so that we can post appropriate signage. Discussion continued as to the safety issues that have arisen without the proper signage being displayed. N. Cobb suggested that residents can help by making sure their guests know the rules. Other discussion ranged from overflow parking, no parking signs, lake patrol cooperation in handling violations notified of, missing buoy, etc. Matthew Thew suggested to all riparian owners that are seeing violations out on the lake, to get the boat numbers of violators and report it to the lake patrol.

T. Day asked for the cooperation of all lake users, on August 27th, due to the increased boat traffic on the lake during a wedding ceremony.

A special thank you was given to Jeff Prokop for his 12 years of service on the Board.

There being no further business, J. Pasterski made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Second by Robert Buss, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant